

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from John Bryson, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Phillip D. Morse, Sr., United States Capitol Police Chief.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 246 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Jr., Acting Under Secretary for Policy, and General John R. Allen, USMC, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan, both of the Department of Defense.

WALL STREET REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international harmonization of Wall Street reform, focusing on orderly liquidation, derivatives, and the Volcker Rule, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary for International Affairs, and John Walsh, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Elisse B. Walter, Commissioner, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Martin J. Gruenberg, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Jacqueline H. Mesa, Director, Office of International Affairs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 303, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 1129, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 1473, to amend Public Law 99-548 to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, S. 1492, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, S. 1559, to establish the San Juan Islands National Conservation Area in the San Juan Islands, Washington, S. 1635, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 1687, to adjust the boundary of Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1774, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 1788, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 1906, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 2001, to expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the Rogue River area, to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries, S. 2015, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, and S. 2056, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; James H. Magagna, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Cheyenne; Andy Kerr, WildEarth Guardians, Washington, D.C.; Doug Gann, National Forest Homeowners, Kirkland,

Washington, on behalf of the C2 Coalition; Dave Strahan, Grants Pass, Oregon; and Dusty Crary, Choteau, Montana.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine prescription drug abuse, focusing on how Medicare and Medicaid are adapting to the challenge, after receiving testimony from Billy Millwee, Texas Health and Human Services Commission State Medicaid Director, Austin; Jeffrey Coben, West Virginia University Injury Control Research Center, Morgantown; Timothy Schwab, SCAN Health Plan, Long Beach, California; and Alex Cahana, University of Washington, Seattle.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Michael A. Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, and Makila James, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ARMY MILITARY PAY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management to examine problems in Army military pay, focusing on challenges the Army faces in achieving audit readiness for its military pay, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant Colonel Kirk Zecchini, U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement), James J. Watkins, Director of Accountability and Audit Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, Jeanne M. Brooks, Director of Technology and Business Architecture Integration, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, and Aaron P. Gillison, Acting Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Indianapolis, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan,

Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

WORK STRATEGIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stay-at-work and back-to-work strategies, focusing on lessons from the private sector, after receiving testimony from Karen Amato, SRA International, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, and Christine V. Walters, FiveL Company, Westminster, Maryland, both on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; Kenneth Mitchell, WorkRx Group, Ltd., Worthington, Ohio; Thomas R. Watjen, Unum Group, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Eric Buehlmann, Arlington, Virginia.

INDIAN AFFAIRS BILLS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1898, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, and H.R. 1560, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe, after receiving testimony from Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Robert McSwain, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Hansen, Maniilaq Health Center, Kotzebue, Alaska; and Carlos Hisa, and Janette Hernandez, both of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, El Paso, Texas.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business investment companies and their role in the entrepreneurship ecosystem, after receiving testimony from Harry Haskins, Deputy Associate Administrator for Investment, Small Business Administration; Barry Wides, Deputy Comptroller, Community Affairs, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Roger Bates, MEP R&H Supply, Inc., Broussard, Louisiana; Vincent D. Foster, Main Street Capital Corporation, Houston, Texas; James Goodman, Gemini Investors, Wellesley, Massachusetts; Manuel A. Henriquez, Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Palo Alto, California; Tim Rafalovich, Wells Fargo Bank, San Diego, California; Charles Rothstein, Michigan Growth Capital Partners, Farmington Hills; Rick Girard, Girard Environmental Services, Sanford, Florida; Thies Kolln, AAVIN Private Equity, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Carl Kopfinger, TD Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

Dan Penberthy, RAND Capital Corporation, Buffalo, New York; and Don Sackett, Olympus Innov-X, Woburn, Massachusetts.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Blinded Veterans Association, American Veterans (AMVETS), Gold Star Wives, Fleet Reserve Association, Military Officers Association of America, National Guard Association of the United States, and the Jewish War Veterans, after receiving testimony from Charles Susino, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Arlington, Texas; John R. Davis, Fleet Reserve Association, and Robert F. Nor-

ton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, both of Alexandria, Virginia; Jamie H. Tomek, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Allen E. Falk, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Bill Lawson, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Sam Huhn, Blinded Veterans Association, and Gus Hargett, National Guard Association of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; John R. McCauslin, USAF (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; and Gary L. Fry, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4239–4255; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 110–111; and H. Res. 594 were introduced. **Pages H1541–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1543**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter Regarding Arrests of Members of the House During a Protest Outside the Embassy of Sudan in Washington, D.C., on March 16, 2012 (H. Rept. 112–419) and H.R. 3834, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–420).

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1499, H1519**

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act: The House passed H.R. 5, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 181 noes with 4 answering "present", Roll No. 126. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 21st. **Pages H1501–19**

Rejected the Loeb sack motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and En-

ergy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 229 noes with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 125. **Pages H1516–18**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–18 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and Commerce and the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. **Page H1501**

Agreed to:

Dent amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that addresses the crisis in access to emergency care by extending liability coverage to on-call and emergency room physicians under the Public Health Service Act; **Pages H1507–09**

Gosar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that restores the application of antitrust laws to the business of health insurance by amending the McCarran-Ferguson Act; **Pages H1509–11**

Woodall amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 112–416) that strikes the findings in Title I (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 173 noes with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 122); and

Pages H1504–05, H1513–14